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SUBJECT: 6,000 GREEK CASUALTIES FROM 1974 DEBACLE

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RELEASED TO PRESS, ON UNOFFICIAL BASIS,
ORDER-OF-MAGNITUDE FIGURES SHOWING 6,000 GREEK CASUALTIES
FROM 1974 COUP, TURK INVASION: (1) 400-450 KILLED IN
COUP; (2) 3,000 KILLED BY TURK ATTACKS; (3) 2,700 UN-
ACCOUNTED FOR. FIGURES ALLEGEDLY INCLUDE GREEK
NATIONALS FROM GREEK CONTINGENT, NATIONAL GUARD.

2. CATEGORY OF MISSING/UNACCOUNTED FOR REMAINS MAJOR
ISSUE. RELATIVES GATHER, PETITION GOC ALMOST DAILY ON
THIS SUBJECT. AD HOC COMMITTEE UNDER UN AEGIS EXAMINES
CASES EACH WEDNESDAY, BUT RESULTS SO FAR DISCOURAGING.

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3. COMMENT. FIGURES ON MISSING PERSONS VARY. TASSOS

PAPADOPOULOS, WHO HANDLES QUESTION DAY-TO-DAY FOR CLERIDES AND SITS ON AD HOC COMMITTEE, TOLD AMBASSADOR RECENTLY THAT GOC CARRIES AROUND 2,000 MISSING PERSONS ON BOOKS. HE SAID CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF DEATH IS OVERWHELMING IN AT LEAST 500 CASES, THAT UNRESOLVED CASES PROBABLY LESS THAN 1,500. PRIVATELY, PAPADOPOULOS BELIEVES GREAT MAJORITY OF THESE WILL NEVER BE RESOLVED, THAT THERE SCANT CHANCE THAT MORE THAN HANDFUL OF GREEK CYPRIOTS EVENTUALLY WILL EMERGE FROM HIDING OR TURK PRISONS. IN CURRENT GREEK CYPRIOT POLITICAL CLIMATE, THOUGH, IT NOT POSSIBLE TO ADMIT THIS. END COMMENT.
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